

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:889

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DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECT

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the funding plan for the dedicated freight corridor project has been finalised by the Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether many companies have shown their interest in being part of the said project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Railways thereto;
- (e) whether initial survey work of the said project has been started and completed;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the details of the funds allocated for the said purpose; and
- (g) the details of the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): The Dedicated Freight Corridor Project is proposed to be financed through a mix of internal generation, market borrowings, budgetary and non-budgetary resources including multilateral and bilateral funding such as by Japanese Government under Special Terms of Economic Partnership (STEP) Scheme.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) to (g): A Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey (PETS) at a cost of Rs. 15.28 Crores has been done in January 2007 for both the corridors. As per the report, the 1483 Kilometers long Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Mumbai) to Tughlakabad/Dadri Western Corridor and the 1279 Kilometers long Ludhiana to Sonnagar Eastern Corridor is estimated to cost a total of over Rs.28,000 Crores. Plans & Drawings of 1590 Kilometers have been completed by RITES Limited.